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SUBJECT: INTERFERENCE OF PRITCHARD IN PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S VISIT

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S PRIVATE SECRETARY CAME TO RESIDENCE TO SAY H.E. HAD INSTRUCTED HER TO ADVISE ME (WITHOUT GOING THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE) OF PHONE CALL TO STATE HOUSE FROM DR. ROBERT PRITCHARD IN U.S. PROPOSING DURING KAUNDA'S WASHINGTON VISIT A CONCERT IN HIS HONOR.
 2. SECRETARY TOLD PRITCHARD THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA CONSIDERED ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT PROPERLY AND SOLELY IN USG HANDS. PRITCHARD INSISTENTLY SAID HE NOT ASKING FOR KAUNDA'S ASSENT; ONLY IF THERE NO DISSENT TO PROPOSAL HE INTENDED PUT IT TO VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER AS CHAIRMAN OF FORUM IN WHICH PRITCHARD PARTICIPATING APRIL 1.
 3. IT CLEAR FROM SECRETARY'S REMARKS THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND HIS STAFF NO LONGER UNDER ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT PRITCHARD'S AGGRESSIVELY SELF-PROMOTING OPERATIONS.
 4. REFERRAL TO FILE, ESPECIALLY LUSAKA'S A-197 OF DECEMBER 2, 1972, WILL CLEARLY SHOW THAT PRITCHARD HAS NO PLACE IN WASHINGTON VISIT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA; IN FACT, HIS PRESENCE WOULD BE WHOLLY UNWARRANTED AND PROBABLY PROVE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO KAUNDA AND HIS ENTOURAGE
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WHO TAKEN IN BY PRITCHARD DURING HIS FREE-WHEELING VISITS

TO ZAMBIA IN 1972 AND 1973.
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